

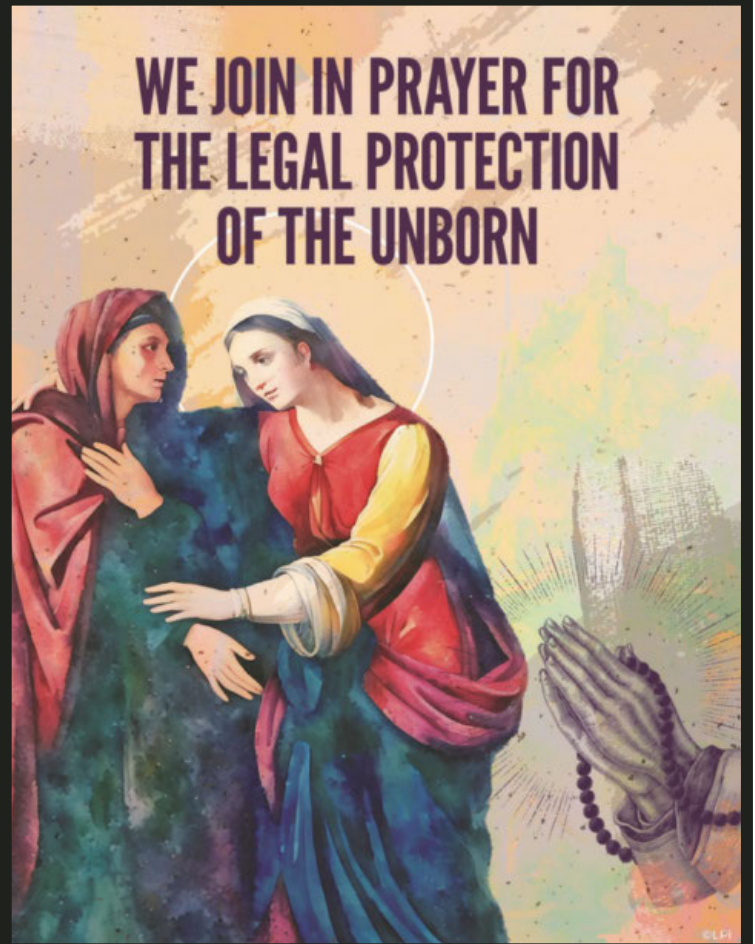
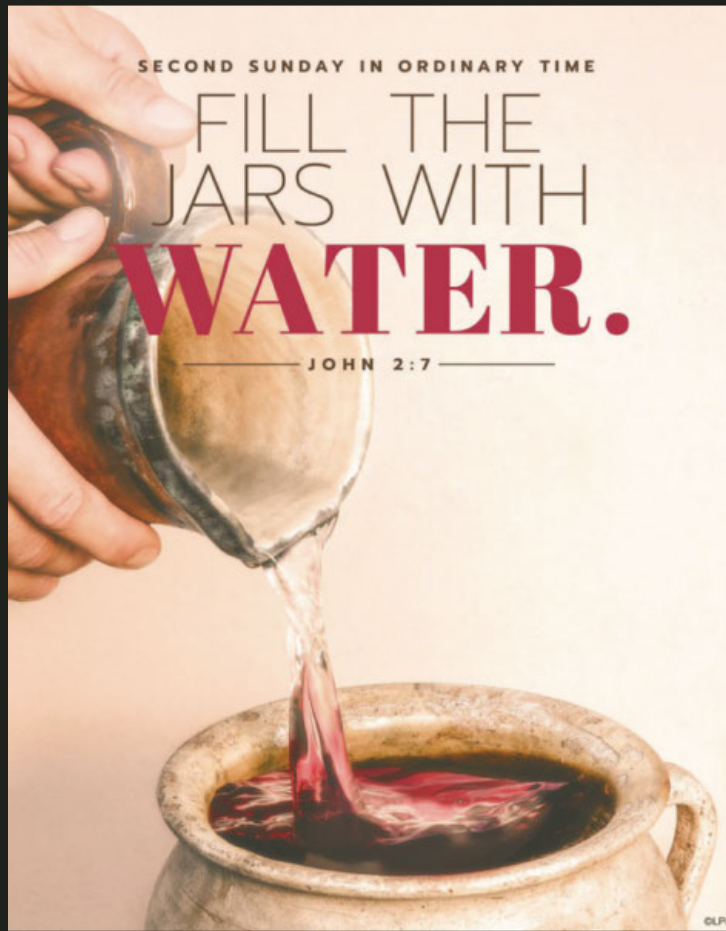


Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 January 19, 2025
 Second Sunday
 In Ordinary Time*



Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM



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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass
Thursday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.
Please call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

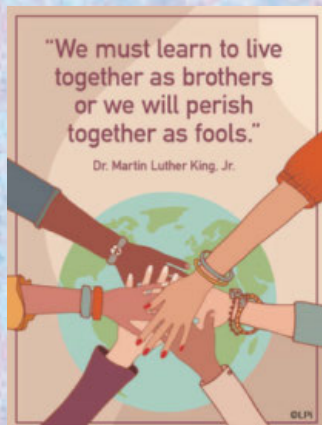
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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, January 19, 2025

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, January 26, 2025

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 18, 2025

- 4:00 - Vivian Pircio — 10th Anniversary
- Joseph Pircio — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, January 19, 2025

- 9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Saturday, January 25, 2025

- 4:00 - Grace Cosegrove — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, January 26, 2025

- 9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

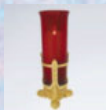
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MEMORIAL MASSES
Suggested donation \$25+

HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK Suggested donation \$55
Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

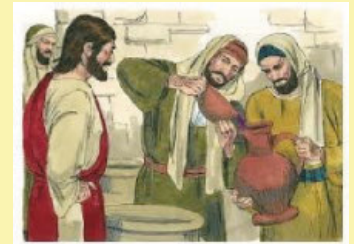
FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK \$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110

HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS \$140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of \$165



Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated TWO weeks in advance, separate from your offertory.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I enjoy going to wedding receptions (I am, after all, Irish and what Irishman doesn't like a good party!). If I'm ever invited to a reception, however, I have one rule: please don't seat me at the head table. Usually what happens is that I either end up alone (since the bridesmaids and groomsmen are off with friends and the bride and groom are going from table to table) or, as happened in one case, I end up cutting the flower girl's meal (yes, that really did happen!)! All things being equal, though, I do enjoy my time at these affairs.

In today's gospel, Jesus finds Himself at a wedding reception. It is late in the reception, as is evidenced by the fact that they are running low on wine. This is a major faux pas (as you can imagine) and Mary comes to Jesus and informs Him of this dilemma. At first, Jesus seems unconcerned with this challenge to the bride and groom (and their families). Mary then informs the servers to "do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). Mary, knowing her Son, seems to know that Jesus won't leave them "high and dry" (figuratively and literally!), that Jesus will rectify the situation. Jesus not only produces (through a miracle) plenty of wine, but it is the best vintage of the day!

I don't believe that it is a coincidence that Jesus performs this miracle (the first of His many public miracles) in this time, place, or manner. Let's think about what transpires. They are at a wedding banquet/feast, something that scripture writers will use as an image of the Kingdom. He produces wine, an essential element of the Last Supper (a Passover meal). The wine that is produced is not only new wine, but it is also the best vintage; for us as Christians, Jesus is that "new wine" (unlike anyone who has come before Him) and is the "best vintage" (the Son of God).

Jesus never does anything accidentally. Every word He speaks, every action He undertakes, everything He does, is done with intentionality. This first miracle of Jesus, one that no one else but Jesus saw coming (except, perhaps, for Mary, who knows her Son). May we follow in the path of Jesus. May our actions, like Jesus', be intentional and may that move us ever closer to Him. May we come to know Jesus for who He is: a miracle worker, the greatest prophetic voice ever to speak, the Son of God.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

January Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

January 20 at 6:30 pm, St. John

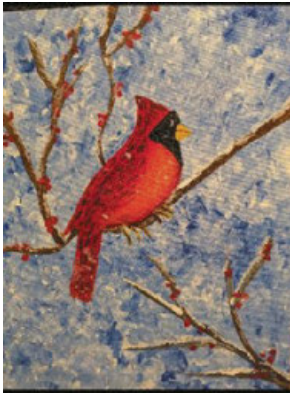
Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge.

All are welcome!

January Teen Mass

Our next Teen Mass is January 26 Mass at St. Ann. Similar to Family Mass, we invite our teens to do a reading or bring up the gifts. Fr. Paul also tailors his homily to be relevant to their life and there is contemporary music at the Mass.

If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.



This is what we will be painting!

Paint Afternoon Fundraiser

January 26th at 1 pm, St. Ann Parish Center

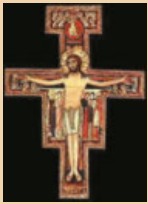
Cost: \$30/person

20 person event max

Join us for a special afternoon of painting and fun as we learn to create our own wonderful painting from our instructor Sandy Churchill.

The money raised will support the work of our collaborative Disciples of Hospitality Committee, which organizes all of our social events.

Advance sign up is required.
Please contact Matt Brady in the office to sign up.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's second reading (from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians) speaks of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. At the heart of these gifts is joy, which I once heard described (by my mother) as "the love of God made real in our lives". The Gifts of the Spirit which St. Paul describes are meant to bring about that joy. St. Francis spoke to Brother Leo about "perfect joy", and the encounter went something like this:

On a cold winter's day, Saint Francis walked with Brother Leo from Perugia to the Portiuncula. Because of their poverty, they suffered much in the cold. At one point, Saint Francis said to Brother Leo: "If God desired that the Friars Minor should serve as a great example of holiness to all people in all lands, please write down that this would not be perfect joy." At some point later in their journey, Saint Francis said to Brother Leo: "If the Friars Minor could make the lame walk; if we could straighten the crooked; if we could chase away demons; if we could give sight to the blind and speech to the dumb; and even if we could raise the dead after four days, please write down and note carefully that this would not be perfect joy." Soon after, Saint Francis said to Brother Leo: "If the Friars Minor could speak every language; if they knew everything about science; if they could explain all the scriptures; if they could predict the future and reveal the secrets of every soul, please write down and note carefully that this would not be perfect joy." After a few more steps, Saint Francis cried: "Brother Leo, little one of God! If the Friars Minor could sing like angels; if they could explain the movements of the stars; if they knew everything about all animals, birds, fish, plants, stones, trees, and all men, please write down and note carefully that this would not be perfect joy." Finally, Saint Francis cried again: "Brother Leo, if the Friars Minor could preach and thus convert every person to faith in Christ, please write down and note carefully that even this is not perfect joy." When this manner of discourse lasted for several miles, Brother Leo, who had been thinking about these sayings, asked: "Father Francis, I pray that you will teach me about perfect joy." Saint Francis answered: "If we arrive at the Portiuncula and if we are drenched with rain and trembling with cold, covered in mud and exhausted from hunger; and if we knock on the convent gate; and if we are not recognized by the porter; and if he tells us that we are impostors who seek to deceive the world and steal from the poor; and if he refuses to open the gate; and if he leaves us outside, exposed to the rain and snow, suffering from cold and hunger; then if we embrace the injustice, cruelty, and contempt with patience, without complaining; and if we believe in faith, love, and humility that the porter knew us but was told by God to reject us, then, my dear Brother Leo, please write down and note carefully that this also is perfect joy!" Saint Francis then said: "Brother Leo, if we knock again and if the porter drives us away with curses and blows; and if he accuses us of robbery and other crimes; and if we embrace this with patience without complaining; and if we believe in faith, love, and humility that the porter knew us but was told by God to reject us again, then, my dear Brother Leo, please

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS

TO BUILD UP THE SNOW FUND

If you call the Rectory for St. John's from
January 3rd to January 19th and get no answer,
please call
Saint Ann's at this number

508-586-4880

write down and note carefully that this is finally perfect joy!" Saint Francis said once more: "If urged by cold and hunger, we knock again; if we call again to the porter; if we plead to him with many tears to open the gate and to give us shelter out of love for God; and if he returns more angry than ever; and if he calls us annoying rascals and beats us with a knotted stick; and if he throws us to the ground, rolls us in the snow, and beats us again with the knotted stick; and if we bear these injuries with patience without complaining; and if we think upon the sufferings of our Blessed Crucified Lord, then, most beloved Brother Leo, please write down and note carefully that this, finally, is perfect joy!" Finally, Saint Francis said: "Brother Leo, please listen to me. Above all gifts of the Holy Spirit, that Christ Jesus gives to his friends is the grace to overcome oneself, to accept willingly, out of love for Him, all contempt, all discomfort, all injury, and all suffering. In this and all other gifts, we ourselves should not boast because all things are gifts from God. Remember the words of Saint Paul: 'What do you have that you did not receive from God? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift (1 Corinthians 4:7)?' But in the cross of afflictions and suffering, we truly can glory because as Saint Paul says again: 'May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world (Galatians 6:14).' Amen."

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul, OFS



COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S

St Ann Prayer Line:



To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchll, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepppe, Ann Bortolotto, Elaine Landolfi, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SVDP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's Church. To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony, 508-245-5481

Next meeting: January 14, 2024

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
 457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
 West Bridgewater 02379

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD
Wednesday each month
TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
Need: jelly, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauce,
baked beans
Cash donations also accepted.

JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEN

January 26, 2025
 3 - 4:30 PM

WHERE

Holy Apostles Parish ~
 Our Lady of the Lake
 Parish Center
 575 Monponsett St.
 Halifax, MA

JASMINE MARINO

is a Human Trafficking survivor who will share her own experience to raise awareness of Trafficking.



JASMINE GRACE
 SURVIVOR, AUTHOR

Join us as we hear a powerful testimony about surviving the commercial sex trade & addiction. Learn the facts & how to prevent this from happening in your community.

BAGS OF HOPE

As a survivor and advocate, Jasmine assists women as they exit and recover from the commercial sex trade. Jasmine empowers the women by providing them with 'Bags of Hope', which are filled with basic personal care items.

ITEMS NEEDED:

women's socks, deodorant, lip balm, toothbrush & paste, shampoo and conditioner, baby wipes, hairbrush & elastics, bar of soap, tampons & pads, nail polish, bag of trail mix, \$5 Dunkin gift card, winter hat-scarf-gloves, notes of encouragement.

WE PRAYERFULLY ASK YOU TO ASSIST JASMINE BY DONATING ITEMS.

A collection basket will be available during the presentation.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Saint John's Conference PO Box 544

East Bridgewater MA 02333
 Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
 Hotline—508-378-3760

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Our pantry is open on the First and Third Monday of each month. When pantry days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will open on the Tuesday of that week.

First Monday - 3:00 - 5:30 Third Monday - 3:00 - 4:30

January 20, 2025

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

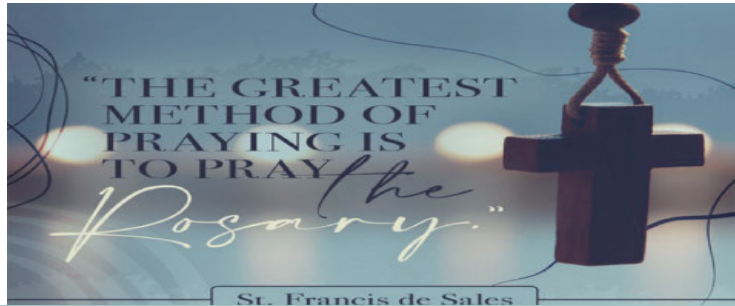
The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially tuna, peanut butter, soups, pasta & pasta sauce, cereal, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100

NEWS



Our hearts are with California during this challenging time. Let's lift up prayers for protection, peace, and restoration for those affected. May God provide strength to first responders, comfort to families, and healing to the land. Together, in faith, we stand strong.



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